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1. The reply filed on 2-08-2005 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): (see below). See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

2. Newly submitted claims 1-3, 12-16, 58-60, 74-78, 128-131 and 145-147 are directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed for the following reasons: The originally presented claims are drawn to cremophor free nanoparticles of taxane (514/449) whereas the amended claims are drawn to nanoparticles of taxane associated with a biocompatible polymer (class 514/772.3). The originally presented claims require only unit dosage of only taxane and not a polymer and thus, the newly presented claims are drawn to a new invention.

Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention, this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, said claims are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. See 37 CFR 1.142(b) and MPEP § 821.03. Failure to present claims drawn to the original invention which were examined on their merits before would result in abandonment of the application.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gollamudi S Kishore, Ph.D whose telephone number is (571) 272-0598. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30 AM- 4 PM, alternate Friday off. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thurman K Page can be reached on (571) 272-0602. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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